

Amendment to the Abstract:

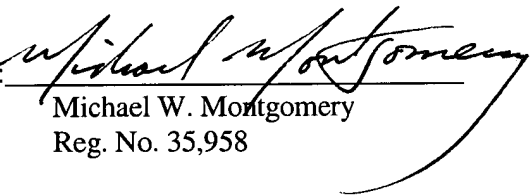
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A system for delivering at least one medical device to a desired location for treatment, and then selectively deploy it in position, includes an improved handle having a first and second independently movable actuator for moving an outer sheath. ~~One of the possible features of the handle may be to selectively hold the delivery system components at any desired configuration during deployment and positioning of the medical device. Another possible feature of the handle may be more than one mode of operation, in which the deployment of the medical device can selectively proceed at more than one speed. Yet another possible feature of the handle may be a~~ A locking mechanism may be provided that resists inadvertent or accidental movement or retraction of the stent delivery system components during packaging, sterilization, shipping, storage, handling and preparation of the stent delivery system.

Before examining the patent application identified above, please enter this Preliminary Amendment. No new matter has been entered.

Applicants respectfully requests the Examiner to enter the present amendment, and to consider and allow the present application.

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